

Appl. No. 09/834,234
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R e m a r k s

As requested by the Examiner, the specification is being amended to include the Serial Number of the related application, claims 10-12 have been amended to spell out the acronym GCOA, and claims 13-14 have been amended to spell out the acronym LCOA. Withdrawal of objections to the specification and claims is accordingly requested.

While rejecting claims 1, 3, 9, 17, and 19-21 on art, the Examiner has indicated that claims 2, 4-8, 10-16, and 22-25 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base and intervening claims. Accordingly applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitation from allowable claim 2, cancelled claims 2 and 3, amended claims 4, 5, 10, 12, and 15 to be independent claims, amended claim 17 to include the limitation from allowable claim 18, cancelled claim 18, and amended claim 22 to be an independent claim. Claims 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 25 are each now directly dependent from an allowable claim.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 4, 5-17, and 19-25 are therefore respectfully requested.

It is believed that this application is now in condition to be passed to issue, and such action is also requested. However, if the Examiner deems it would in any way expedite the prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone applicants' attorney at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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